

In the Claims:

Claims 1 - 43 (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a
container, the apparatus including a heater and a carrier unit;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating an
area of damaged protective coating on that container~~ heater for heating the area of
damaged protective coating on the container; and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating an
area of damaged protective coating on that container~~ carrier unit for depositing
protective coating material attached to the carrier unit onto the area of damaged
protective coating on the container.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a
container;

a rotary manipulator;

at least one heating unit, separate of and spaced from the apparatus for
coating, the at least one heating unit being positioned adjacent the rotary
manipulator;

a first conveyor, for supplying containers to the rotary manipulator;

wherein the rotary manipulator rotates the containers to a position proximate
the apparatus for coating an area of damaged protective coating on a container, and

to a position proximate the at least one heating unit; and
a second conveyor for removing containers from the rotary manipulator.

48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A system for coating containers, comprising
an apparatus for coating a limited area on a container, the apparatus
including a heater and a carrier unit;

a first conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating a~~
~~limited area on that container~~ heater for heating the limited area on the container;
and

a second conveyor having a plurality of platforms, wherein each platform is
selectively actuable to position a container proximate ~~the apparatus for coating a~~
~~limited area on that container~~ carrier unit for depositing protective coating material
attached to the carrier unit onto the limited area on the container.